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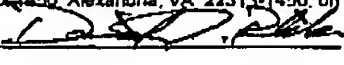
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Art Unit 3731					
Applicant(s) Steve A. Herweck <i>et al</i>					
Invention: BODY FLUID CARTRIDGE EXCHANGE PLATFORM DEVICE					
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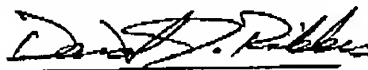
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. Reconsideration and allowance of all rejected claims is hereby requested.